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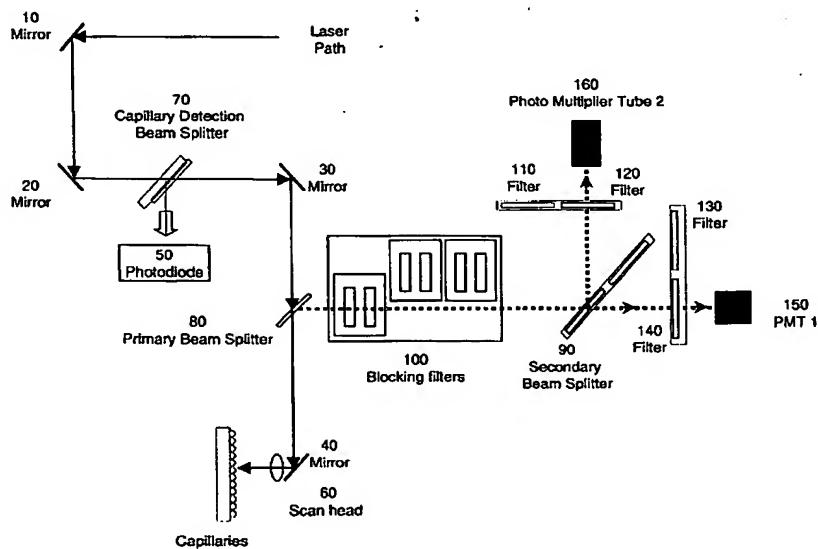
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Y	US 6,365,024 B1 (LI et al.) 02 April 2002, the abstract; Figures 1, 2A, and 2B; column 14, lines 48-50; and column 17, lines 57-65.	1-4, 11, 12, 13
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A,P	US 6,387,234 B1 (YEUNG et al.) 14 May 2002, the abstract and Figure 3.	14. 18, 19

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